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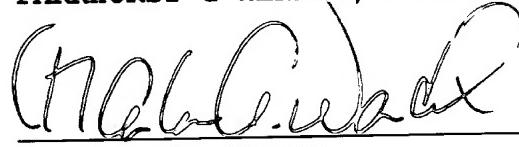
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Also enclosed is a copy of a Chinese Office Action, with translation, which issued March 7, 2003 in a corresponding Chinese patent application, and the U.S. PTO is directed thereto for a concise statement of possible relevance of the references cited herein.

JP '922 has already been cited in an Information Disclosure Statement filed on March 31, 2003.

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